

**PROJECT FACT SHEET
CONSTRUCTION GENERAL**

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Saw Mill Run Flood Protection Project, Pittsburgh, PA

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: This project consists of approximately 4,700 l.f. of channel improvements on the lower portion of Saw Mill Run, commonly referred to as the West End of the City of Pittsburgh. The channel improvement will consist of a combination of channel excavation, fabriform placement, post and panel walls and gravity walls.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$22,000,000*
Total Federal Cost: \$16,500,000
Total Non-Federal Cost: \$ 5,500,000

* Increase in Total Project Cost not yet approved.

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: City of Pittsburgh, PA

CURRENT STATUS: The only construction contract for the project was awarded in April 2001 and is approximately 85% complete. During the course of construction several unforeseen site conditions were encountered that resulted in the estimated cost to complete the contract exceeding the 902 cost limit. As a result of this determination the District has taken action to reduce the cost of the project by deleting features of work. If the 902 cost limit is not increased, the project will be completed but will not provide the level of protection authorized. As a parallel action, the District prepared a Post Authorization Change Request (PACR) to increase the 902 cost limit. This was forwarded to Division for action in March 2003. LRD provided the District with comments on the PACR in May 2003 and the PACR with revisions was resubmitted to LRD in June 2003. The features of work that were previously deleted will be added back to the contract when the PACR is approved, otherwise they will be permanently deleted and the project terminated. In October 2003, the contractor received permission from the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway to enter their property and begin repairs to the slope failure area. To date, the contractor has excavated down to the second row of anchors for the shoring and has completed installation of the anchors. The contractor has completed the remaining excavation necessary to begin construction of the wall and will begin construction of the actual wall this month. Construction, not including the deleted items, is currently scheduled to be completed in April 2004.

AUTHORIZATION: The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986 authorized the project in accordance with the Report of the Chief of Engineers dated 30 January 1978. The WRDA of 1996 increased the estimate of the project from \$7,850,000 established in the original authorization to \$12,780,000 (FY 1996 dollars). This project was included in the FY 1997 appropriations as a new construction start.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Doyle (PA-14), Specter (PA), Santorum (PA)

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